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The Thirty-Second Commander of the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 of the American Legion is George W. Johnston.

Legionnaire Johnston is a veteran of the first World War and since joining has been very active in Legion activities. He has been a member of the Firing Squad, and the McLean County Drum and Bugle Corps. He is a member of the Forty and Eight. Commander Johnston has served on the Executive Committee as a Vice-Commander before being elected to Commander.

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We say "Well Done" to J. W. "Bill" Scott, Past Commander of The American Legion, who is general chairman of this year's Corn Bowl football game. The Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 takes this opportunity to thank Bill Scott, his fine committee, and the scores of other hardworking Legionnaires who have made this great annual event possible. Limited space prevents the listing of all individuals who have had a hand in the success of this year's Corn Bowl game. Our hats are off to all of them.

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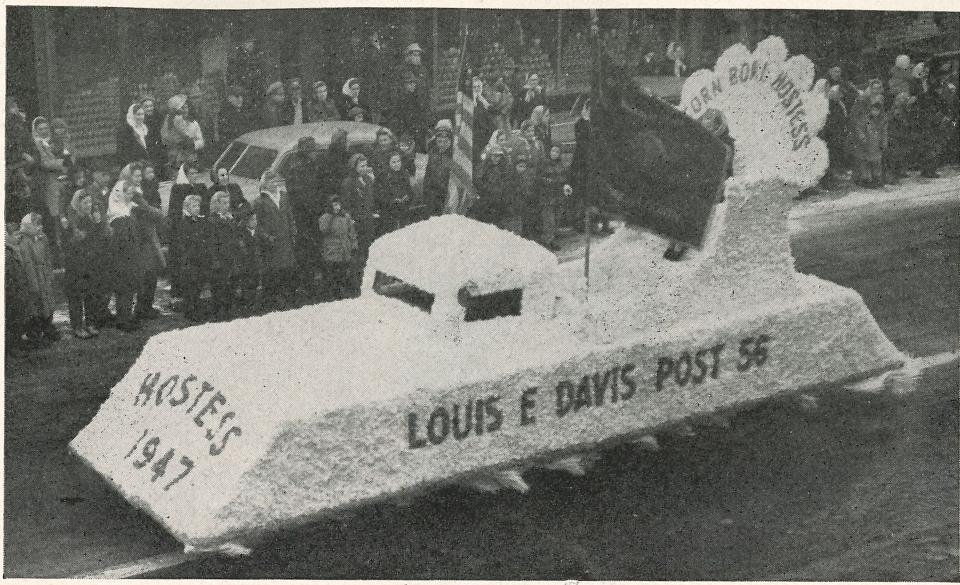
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Sponsored by the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 of The American Legion, the first Corn Bowl game was received so enthusiastically in spite of the inclement weather that it is now a permanent Thanksgiving Day event. The entire net proceeds of every Corn Bowl game are used by the local Legion Post to further its Youth Activities Program.

Two years ago, despite snow and ice, 30,000 shouting and cheering spectators lined the Bloomington streets on Thanksgiving Day morning to watch the hour-long parade of colorful floats and bands. In the afternoon, a hardy crowd braved sub-freezing weather at Fred Carlton Field to watch Southern Illinois University trounce North Central, 21-0, to win the coveted Corn Bowl trophy.



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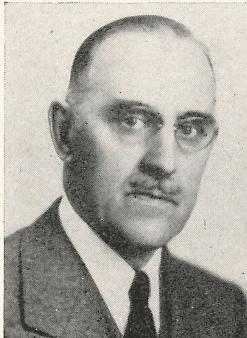
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Nearly 9,000 Thanksgiving Day enthusiasts delayed their turkey dinners for two hours a year ago today in order to watch the second edition of the annual Corn Bowl game at the stadium. When the smoke and din of the battle finally cleared away, there were nearly 9,000 spectators dumbfounded and amazed as they left the stadium after watching a two-touchdown underdog Wesleyan Titan eleven defeat an outstanding, previously unbeaten Eastern Panther eleven. Score 6-0.



A portion of the 9,000 rooters show their satisfaction as Wesleyan's Gib Baechler sweeps across for the lone touchdown of the game with just 66 seconds remaining in the final period. It was a great day and a glorious finish for Wesleyan rooters.

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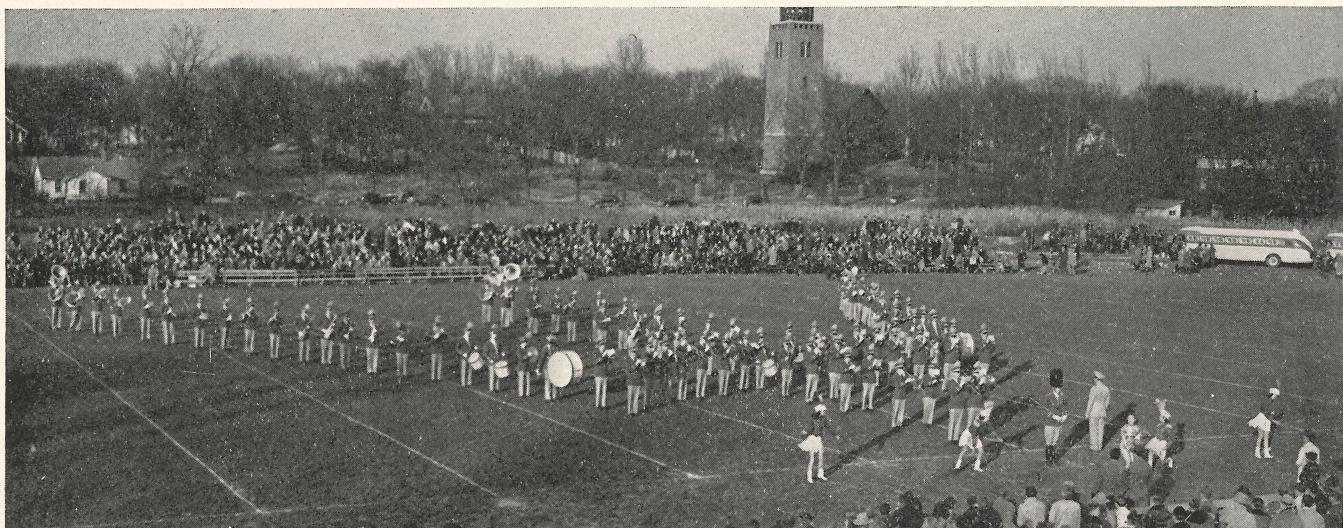
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Don Larson, Wesleyan quarterback, is shown here "on the loose." He turned in the longest run of the day — a 51 yard gain on a flat pass from Gib Baechler who later scored the winning touchdown. Final score: Wesleyan 6, Eastern 0.



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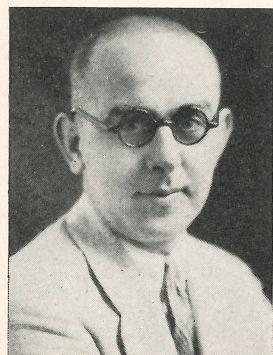
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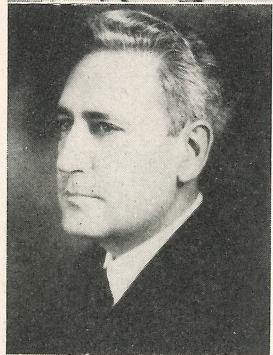
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Legionnaires in the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 take an active part in supporting Americanism, because they believe in its doctrines of Liberty, Freedom and Justice for all. They believe in teaching the youth of America what the American way of life means . . . and how it must be defended.



Specifically the Legion's Americanism Program promotes understanding of the principles of democratic government; it encourages education through thousands of schools for children and night schools for adults; it takes the lead in disseminating knowledge of and promoting respect for the National Flag; it does important work for the boys of America through Boy Scout activities and junior athletics; it combats revolutionary radicalism and all movements which have for their aim the downfall of America; it strives for the maintenance of the national defenses at a strength sufficient to guarantee the security of the country; it gives sound, practical service in this community, working to make it a better place in which to live.

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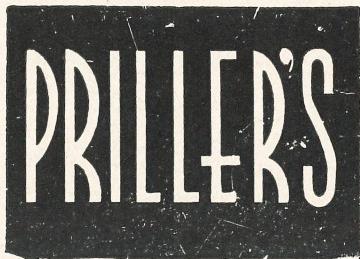
The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Louis E. Davis Post is an annual affair eagerly looked forward to by the many children in this community. All children under 12 years of age are eligible to participate in this exciting affair held each year in Miller Park. More than 4,000 boys and girls enjoyed the hunt last year.

Easter egg hunters assemble in front of the bandstand for magic show after finding the sacks of candy. Each child received a free bottle of pop in addition to the candy.



Tots are egged on by their parents at Miller Park on Easter afternoon as they break from the starting line like a horde of homesteaders in the old west. White dots on grass are packages of easter eggs. The children found them all in less than two minutes after the starting signal.

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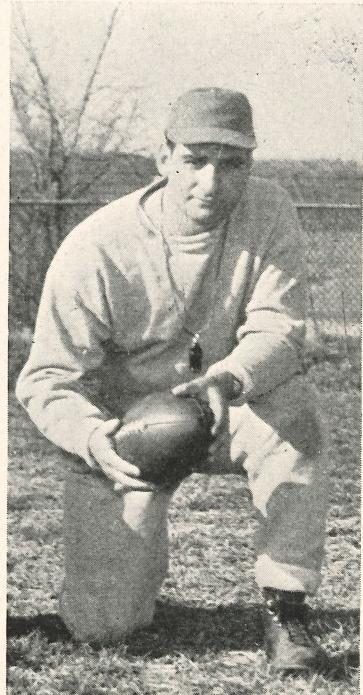
The president of Western is Dr. Frank A. Beu who is one of the most sports-minded administrators in this area. It was through his efforts that Leatherneck football teams will have a new \$260,000 stadium to play in beginning next fall. The Western campus is known as one of the most beautiful in the Midwest. Registration for the fall quarter was 1550.

SEASON'S RECORD

Western Opponent

Michigan Tech	33	0
Wayne University	14	33
Millikin University	32	20
Northern Illinois	27	6
Normal University	19	14
Shurtleff College	68	0
Eastern Illinois	14	0
Southern Illinois	35	0
Carthage College	30	0

In Vince DiFrancesca's initial season as Western's head coach, he has brought home the IIAC title with four straight wins. A native of Evanston, Vince captained the Wildcats during his senior year at Northwestern. He served as athletic director at Coalinga Junior College in California before coming to Western State.



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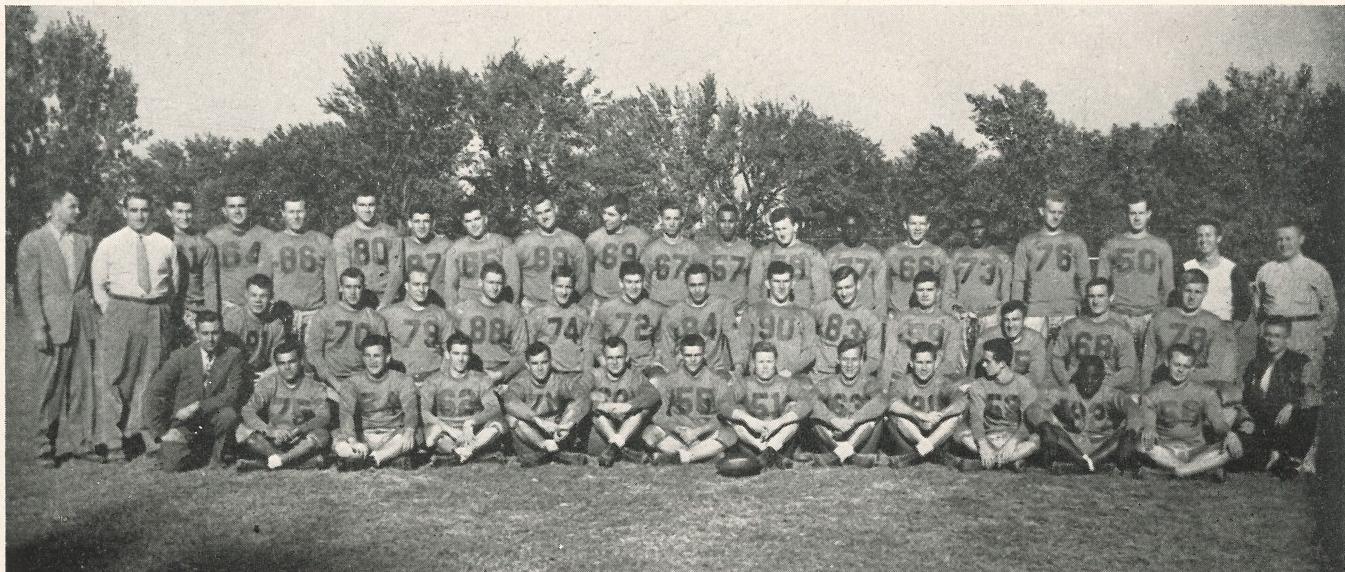
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SECOND ROW: Art Dufelmeier, assistant coach, Vince DiFrancesca, head mentor, Dave Knutson, Jack Landis, Willie Bridges, Marshall Podell, Maurie Ross, Don Weiden, Clarence Reuss, Bob Gregory, Pete Bakas, Bob Trone, Jim Shaw, John Butkus, Bob Bricker, manager.

THIRD ROW: Joe Beja, Hobe Redman, Ed Cramer, Jim Reis, Pat Stoik, Dave Dunn, Walt Rucks, Bob Johns, Al Stevens, Ronnie Jackson, Don Johnson, Percy Franklin, Bob Miller, captain, Willie Rollins, Bob Felton, Wayne Whitmore, Bob Akin, assistant manager, Bert Moore, assistant coach.

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 RH Suehr (60)
 FB Stevens (67)



Capt. Bob (Red) Miller



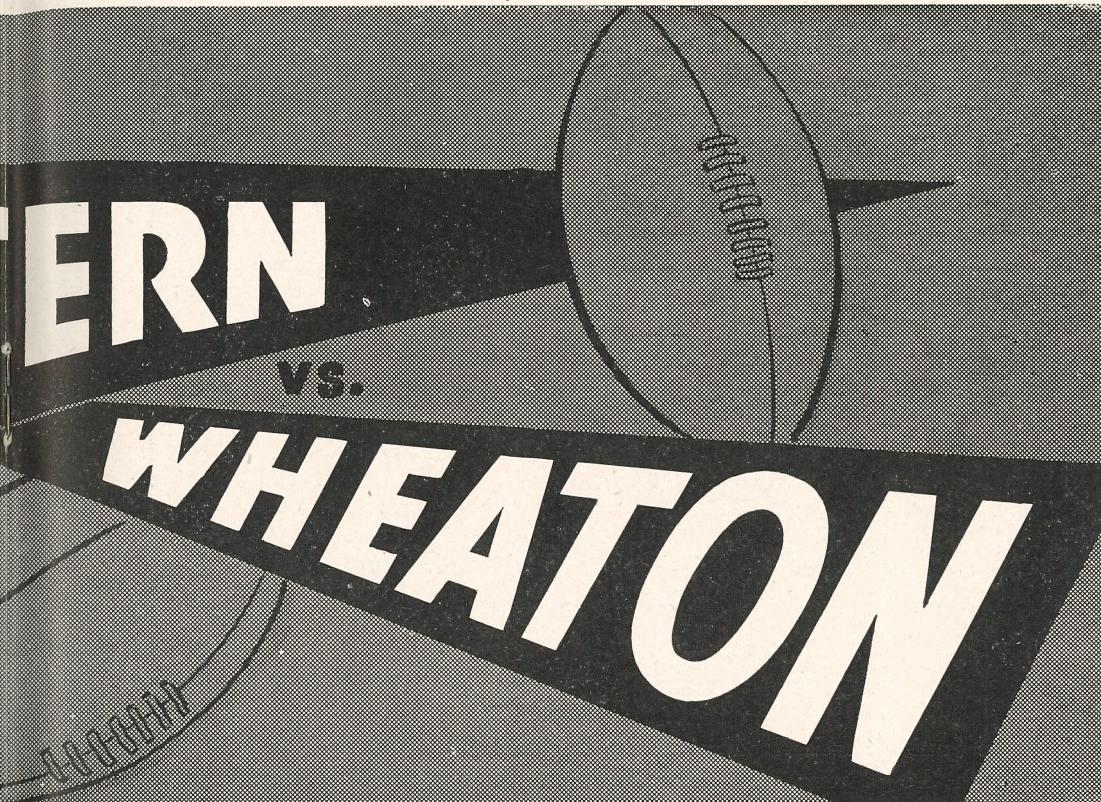
WESTERN SQUAD LIST

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Home Town	No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Home Town
50	Whitmore, Wayne	End	6-2	180	4	Kewanee	71	Crowley, Bill	Halfback	5-10	160	3	Elmwood Park
51	Johnson, Dean	Halfback	5-8	165	4	Table Grove	72	Weiden, Don	End	6-2	184	3	LaSalle
52	Metschuleit, Joe	Halfback	5-7	150	1	Bradley	73	Rollins, Willie	Halfback	5-9	160	1	Monmouth
53	Riley, Dean	End	5-11	160	2	Ottawa	74	Ross, Maurice	Quarterback	5-11	172	1	Hamilton
54	Marini, Angie	Fullback	5-7	170	3	Chillicothe	75	Lesch, Vic	Quarterback	5-8	155	3	Wheeling
55	Booker, Bill	Guard	5-9	182	1	Spring Valley	77	Franklin, Percy	Halfback	5-10	170	3	Freeport
56	Mallie, Bill	Guard	6-1	180	1	LaSalle	78	Butkus, John	Tackle	6-2	200	4	Farmington
57	Jackson, Ronnie	Halfback	5-10	160	4	Quincy	79	Bridges, Willie	Tackle	5-10	205	2	Hettick
58	Johnson, Don	Center	5-10	200	1	Chicago	80	Reis, Jim	End	6-2	200	4	Macomb
59	Trone, Bob	Center	6-0	185	1	Rushville	81	McInerney, Fran	Halfback	5-11	170	4	LaSalle
60	Suehr, John	Halfback	5-9	165	3	Ottawa	82	Hudson, Art	Fullback	5-11	184	3	Litchfield
61	Beja, Joe	Center	6-1	165	1	Springfield	83	Bakas, Pete	End	6-2	180	2	Maywood
62	Engle, Jack	Halfback	5-8	150	4	Oaklawn	84	Reuss, Clarence	Center	6-2	190	4	Blue Island
63	Ganzer, Ralph	Fullback	5-10	165	4	Blue Island	85	Shaw, Jim	Guard	5-11	215	4	Pleasant Hill
64	Redman, Hobert	Tackle	6-1	240	4	Watseka	86	Cramer, Ed	Tackle	5-11	205	4	Macomb
65	Dunn, Dave	Tackle	5-10	225	1	Clinton, Iowa	87	Stoik, Pat	Guard	5-10	200	3	Clinton, Iowa
66	Miller, Bob	Guard	6-0	190	4	Macomb	88	Podell, Marsh	Tackle	6-2	200	4	Chicago
67	Stevens, Al	Fullback	6-0	170	3	Moline	89	Rucks, Walt	Tackle	6-2	235	4	Fond du Lac, Wis.
68	Macklin, Roy	Guard	5-10	160	3	Macomb	90	Gregory, Bob	Center	6-0	220	2	Toulon
69	Johns, Bob	End	6-3	200	3	Naperville	91	Knutson, Dave	Tackle	6-0	210	2	Ottawa
70	Landis, Jack	Quarterback	5-11	175	3	Macomb							

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No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Home Town	No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year	Home Town
3	Dave Klasing	Quarterback	6-1	180	3	St. Louis, Mo.	87	Frank Fernandes	Tackle	6-0	185	2	Springfield
4	George Dryden	Halfback	5-10	155	1	Wheaton	88	Ralph Albinson	Guard	5-10	180	4	Minneapolis
5	Dick Parramore	Quarterback	5-9	160	2	Chester, Pa.	89	Jack Swartz	End	5-11	175	2	Flint, Mich.
6	Hayes Barclay	Quarterback	6-0	175	1	Oak Park	90	Jack Lockhart	Center	6-0	185	3	Compton, Calif.
7	Don Ullrich	End	6-0	170	3	Hawthorne, N. J.	91	Bruce Bendelow	End	6-2	190	2	Oak Park
8	Jim Pooley	End	6-5	215	3	Chester, Pa.	92	Al Knudsen	Fullback	5-6	185	2	Brooklyn, N. Y.
9	Don Hammarlund	Halfback	5-10	195	3	Wheaton	93	Wendy Loveless	Guard	5-11	200	4	Wheaton
10	Dick Fikejs	Halfback	6-0	185	3	Cedar Rapids, Ia.	94	Chuck Schoenherr	Fullback	5-11	190	4	Racine, Wis.
11	Ed Mitchell	Halfback	5-10	175	1	Glen Ellyn	96	Dick Henderson	Tackle	6-1	205	2	Chicago
12	Norm Herbert	Guard	6-2	200	4	Chicago	97	Don Brinks	Center	6-3	200	4	Wheaton
13	Dale Oxley	Tackle	6-3	220	4	Flint, Mich.	98	Dick Simmons	Tackle	6-8	280	4	Seminole, Okla.
14	Don Kuntz	End	6-2	200	4	Harrisburg, Pa.							
15	Jay McCully	Tackle	6-2	210	2	Milwaukee, Wis.							
38	Hoover Wong	Halfback	5-10	160	2	Quincy, Mass.							
61	Roland Edman	Quarterback	5-11	155	4	Wheaton							
62	Ray Lucas	Halfback	5-9	155	3	Altoona, Pa.							
65	Tom Byron	Center	5-8	160	1	McGrann, Pa.							
66	Stan Voth	Halfback	6-1	175	1	St. Paul, Minn.							
67	Sam Larson	Tackle	6-1	195	4	Chicago							
76	Julie Fliehler	Guard	5-8	190	1	Wheaton							
77	Bill Willson	Halfback	5-9	155	1	Wheaton							
78	Bob Gerstung	End	6-1	165	3	Wheaton							
79	Bill Graf	Fullback	5-11	180	1	Montclair, N. J.							
84	Dick Gates	Tackle	6-2	195	4	Buffalo, N. Y.							
85	Dave Brougham	Guard	5-11	185	1	Seattle, Wash.							
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Other projects sponsored by the Legion for the youth in this community are: the American Legion Oratorical Contest; Boy's State, the Legion-sponsored week long camp held annually at the Illinois state fair grounds at Springfield; Boy Scout Troop No. 5 at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School; the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Miller Park for McLean County children; the annual Legion Community Christmas party; and the Child Welfare Program which provides free medical care to needy children of veterans.

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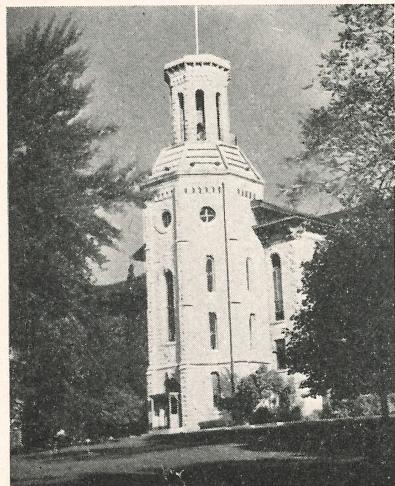
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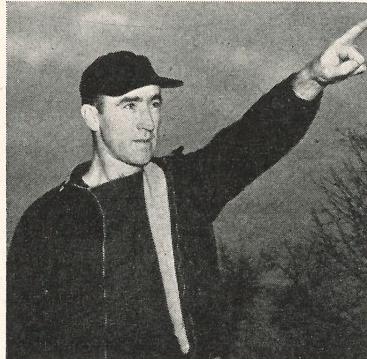
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Harv Chrouser

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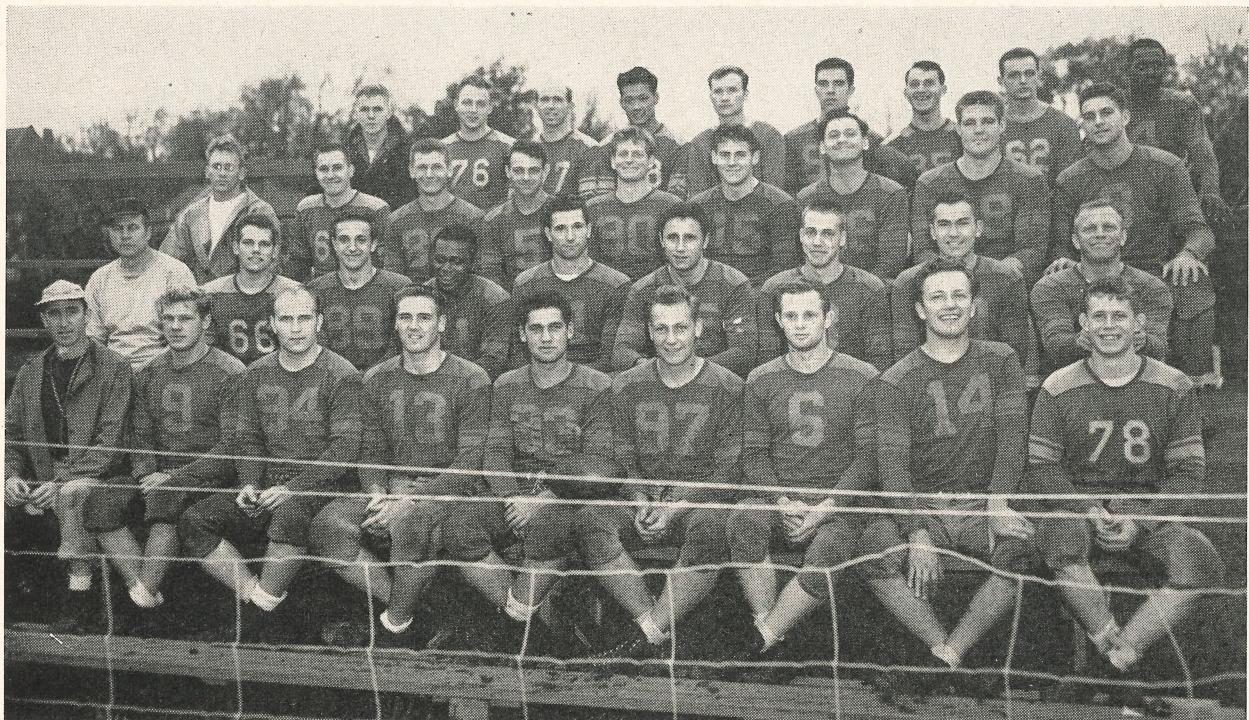
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Thousands of baseball fans in this area congratulated the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 of The American Legion for bringing to Bloomington and Normal one of baseball's greatest annual events.

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The Legion thanks Hal Hughes for his fine co-operation in furnishing unlimited bus transportation for the four competing teams during their stay in Bloomington.

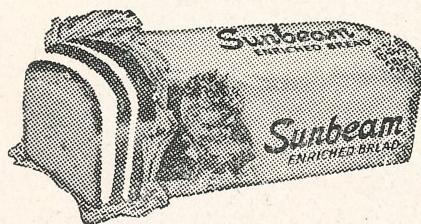
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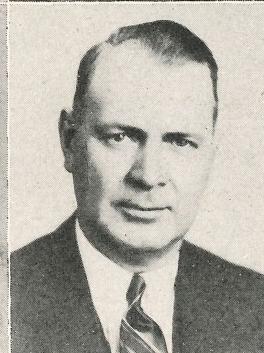
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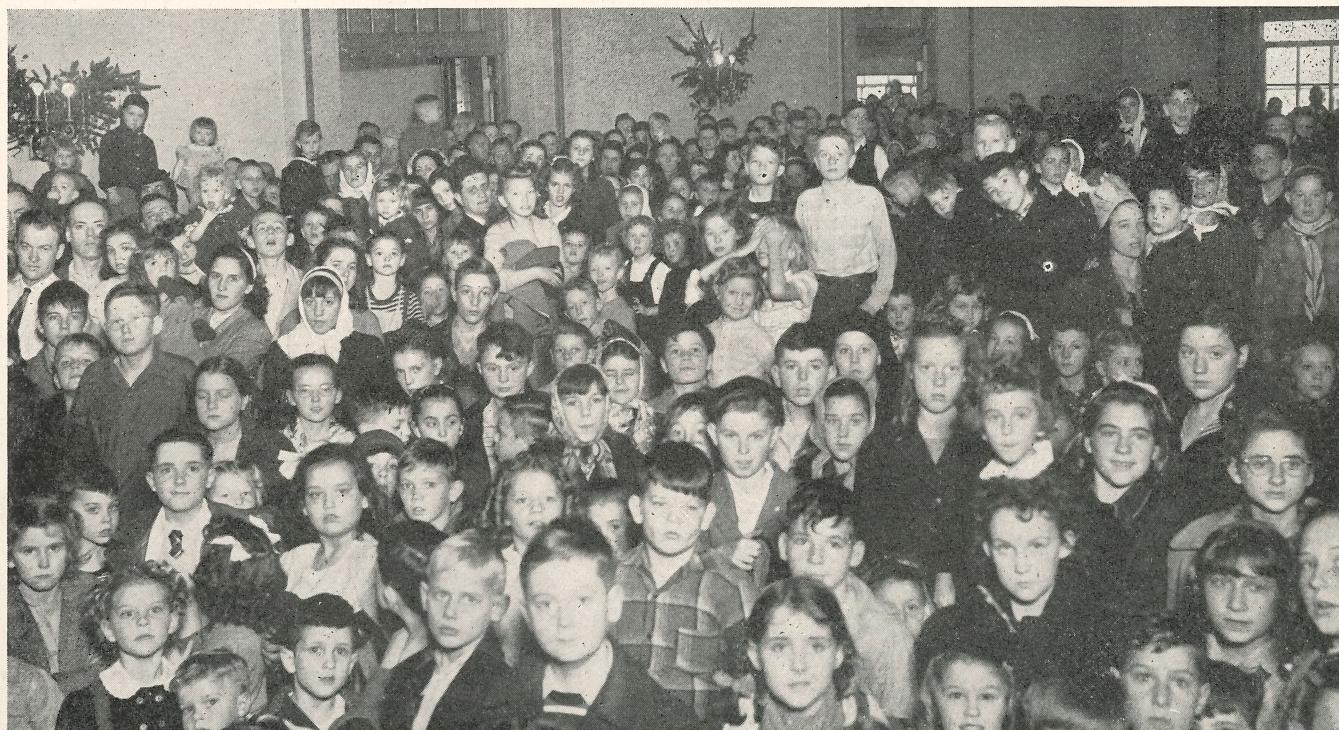
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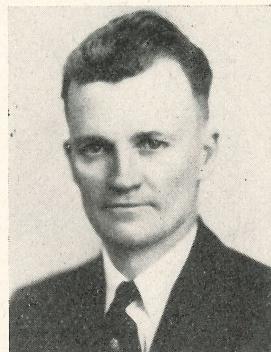
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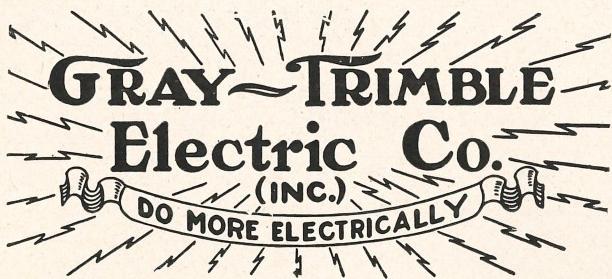
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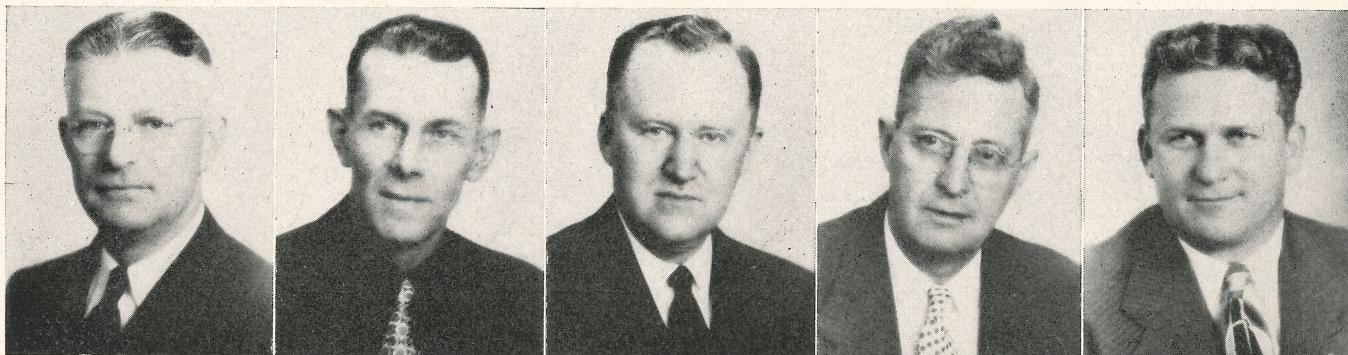
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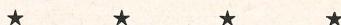
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Mr. J. W. "Bill" Scott, Chairman
CORN BOWL GAME Committee,
Louis E. Davis Post No. 56,
The American Legion, McBarnes Bldg.,
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Comrade "Bill":

As Department Commander of The American Legion in this great Department of Illinois, I want to congratulate you and the hard working Legionnaires of the Louis E. Davis Post No. 56 who have done so much to make the Annual Corn Bowl Game as much a part of Thanksgiving Day in Bloomington as the turkey on your table.

This year's 3rd Annual Corn Bowl should be better than ever. I believe that your committee deserves continued success in its efforts to make this football classic a state and national attraction.

The Louis E. Davis Post is doing a grand job in good Legion public relations by sponsoring this annual event. The fact that the entire profits of the game are earmarked for the support of your American Legion Junior Baseball program makes it truly American and doubly worthwhile.

The American Legion, Department of Illinois, shares the McBarnes Building with the Louis E. Davis Post, and I am in constant contact with the many good programs this post has sponsored throughout the year. We certainly share your pride in the Corn Bowl game and wish you and your committee every success in this year and in the years to come.

Greetings from the entire state headquarters staff of the McBarnes Building.

Good luck to you and The Corn Bowl.

Sincerely,

Merle E. Schaad

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